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Sub B2, 3. The low-emission adhesive as claimed in claim 1, wherein vinyl esters c) copolymerized are at least one member selected from the group consisting of vinyl 2-ethylhexanoate, vinyl laurate, vinyl esters of  $\alpha$ -branched monocarboxylic acids having 10 or 11 carbon atoms, and vinyl esters of branched monocarboxylic acids having 10 to 13 carbon atoms.

Sub C1, 4. The low-emission adhesive as claimed in claim 1, wherein the copolymerized comonomer d) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, itaconic acid, fumaric acid, and maleic acid.

5. The low-emission adhesive as claimed in claim 1, wherein the copolymerized comonomer e) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of methacrylic and acrylic hydroxyalkyl esters having a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>5</sub> alkyl radical.

6. The low-emission adhesive as claimed in claim 1, wherein copolymerized comonomer f) comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated carboxamides, ethylenically unsaturated sulfonic acids and their salts, and vinylpyrrolidone.

7. The low-emission adhesive as claimed in claim 1, wherein said vinyl acetate-ethylene copolymer is a copolymer of a) from 10 to 40% by weight of ethylene, b) from 35 to 70% by weight of vinyl acetate, c) from 10 to 45% by weight of VeoVal10® and/or VeoVal11®, d) from 2 to 6% by weight of acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid, e) from 0 to 5% by weight of hydroxyethyl acrylate, and f) from 0 to 2% by weight of acrylamide.

8. A process of adhering a covering to a substrate which comprises applying to at least a portion of at least one of the covering and substrate surfaces, an adhesive-effective amount of

the low-emission adhesive of any of Claims 1 to 7, and contacting the surfaces of the covering and the substrate.

9. The process of Claim 8 wherein the covering is flooring.

10. The process of Claim 8 wherein the covering is a ceiling covering

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